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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
JAY J. ZEDNIK et al )  
Serial No. 09/229,178 )  
Filed: January 13, 1999 )

Examiner: H. Nguyen

Art Unit: 3748

For: REGASIFICATION OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)  
ABOARD A TRANSPORT VESSEL

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Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action of November 5, 1999, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4, line 21, after "invention", insert --is--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel ~~claims~~ 1, 2, and 4 and rewrite as following  
new claim 8:

8. A method for regasifying liquefied natural gas (LNG)  
aboard a LNG carrier vessel before the LNG is off-loaded as a  
gas, said method comprising:

flowing said LNG from storage tanks aboard said carrier  
vessel for storing LNG during transport through a vaporizer  
which is positioned aboard said vessel;

boosting the pressure of said LNG while in its liquid  
phase before passing said LNG through said vaporizer;

withdrawing seawater from the body of water surrounding  
said vessel at a first point and flowing said seawater through  
said vaporizer to heat said LNG within said vaporizer and to  
vaporize said LNG back into natural gas; and

discharging said seawater from said vaporizer back into  
said body of water at a second point which is spaced from said  
first point at a distance sufficient to prevent said discharged  
seawater from being recycled through said vaporizer;

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